Amendments to the Claims:

The below-listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 1-6, 9-16, 29, 30 and 35 are pending. Claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 29 are amended. Claims 2, 4-6, 11, 13, 15 and 16 are original. Claims 3, 30 and 35 have been previously presented. Claims 7, 8, 17-28 and 31-34 are canceled.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for maintaining a computing device connected or not to a peripheral device, comprising the acts of:

installing the peripheral device on the computing device;

receiving an indication of an end of persistence for [[a]] the peripheral device regardless of whether the peripheral device is connected to the computing device;

by the computing device, monitoring for an event related to the end of persistence; and

by the computing device, fully automatically removing support information associated with the peripheral device based on detection of the event related to the end of persistence, wherein the monitoring and the fully automatically removing support information occurs regardless of whether the computing device is networked or maintains a network connection, wherein the installing the peripheral device includes

providing a representation of a physical location of the peripheral device in relation to an area encompassing the physical location of the peripheral device;

receiving an indication via the representation that access to the peripheral device is desired;

retrieving support information associated with the peripheral device; and

installing the retrieved support information on the computing device, wherein

the removing support information comprises removing the support information retrieved and installed on the computing device.

2. (Original) The method for maintaining a computing device according to claim 1, further comprising the act of storing an indicator of the end of persistence.

3. (Previously Presented) The method for maintaining a computing device according to claim 2, wherein the act of storing an indicator comprises storing the indicator in a database of configuration settings associated with the computing device.

4. (Original) The method for maintaining a computing device according to claim 3, wherein the act of monitoring for an event comprises monitoring the database of configuration settings associated with the computing device.

5. (Original) The method for maintaining a computing device according to claim 1, wherein the act of monitoring for an event comprises running an event monitoring thread.

6. (Original) The method for maintaining a computing device according to claim 5, further comprising booting the computing device and starting the event monitoring thread after booting the computing device.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method for maintaining a computing device according to claim [[8]] 1, wherein the act of providing [[a]] the representation comprises the acts of accessing the representation via a browser application on the computing device.

10. (Currently Amended) The method for maintaining a computing device according to claim [[8]] 1, wherein the peripheral device comprises a printing device and the act of retrieving support information comprises downloading the support information via a second computing device using requests in compliance with the Internet Printing Protocol.

11. (Original) The method for maintaining a computing device according to claim 10, wherein the second computing device comprises the printing device.

12. (Currently Amended) The method for maintaining a computing device according to claim [[8]] 1, wherein the act of retrieving support information comprises querying a second computing device having access to a plurality of support information associated with the peripheral device to determine which of the plurality of support information is appropriate for the computing device.

13. (Original) The method for maintaining a computing device according to claim 12, wherein the computing device has an environment and the act of querying comprises the act of providing the second computing device an indication of the environment of the computing device, further comprising the act of receiving support information appropriate for the environment of the computing device.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for maintaining a computing device according to

claim [[8]] 1, wherein the ~~act of~~ retrieving support information comprises ~~the acts of~~:

receiving an indication of a location of support information appropriate for the computing device; and

retrieving the appropriate support information from the location.

15. (Original) A method for maintaining a computing device according to claim 14, wherein the act of retrieving the appropriate support information from the location comprises using one of a File Transfer Protocol Get operation, a Hypertext Transfer Protocol Get operation, and a Internet Protocol Get-Client-Print-Support-Files operation to download the appropriate support information from the location.

16. (Original) A method for maintaining a computing device according to claim 12, further comprising the acts of:

receiving an indication of temporal status of at least one file in the support information determined to be appropriate for the computing device;

comparing the temporal status of the at least one file in the support information determined to be appropriate for the computing device with a temporal status of any corresponding one of the at least one file already installed on the computing device; and

retrieving the at least one file in the support information determined to be appropriate if its temporal status is more recent than that of a corresponding one of the at least one files installed on the computing device.

17. - 28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method for maintaining a computing device connected or not

to a peripheral device, comprising:

installing the peripheral device on the computing device by selection of a peripheral device icon provided in a representation of a physical location of the peripheral device in relation to an area encompassing the physical location of the peripheral device;

setting an end of persistence of the peripheral device during the installing the peripheral device;

receiving an indication of [[an]] the end of persistence for the peripheral device regardless of whether the peripheral device is connected to the computing device;

monitoring for an event related to the end of persistence;

detecting the event; and

by the computing device, fully automatically removing support information associated with the peripheral device based on the detecting.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the monitoring for the event related to the end of persistence further includes assessing whether a volatile date and time has been reached.

31. - 34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) A method for maintaining a computing device connected or not to a peripheral device, comprising:

installing the peripheral device on the computing device by selection of a peripheral device icon provided in a representation of a physical location of the peripheral device in relation to an area encompassing the physical location of the peripheral device;

receiving an indication of an end of persistence for the peripheral device regardless

of whether the peripheral device is connected to the computing device;

monitoring for an event related to the end of persistence;

detecting the event; and

by the computing device, fully automatically removing support information associated

with the peripheral device based on the detecting.